Sri A. K. SUBBAIAH.—May I know the total number of charges levelled against the ex-Municipal President ?

Sri B. M. PATIL.—As I have already said a number of allegations were made against the President. The exact number I cannot say now.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವಿ. ಲಿಂಜನಪ್ಪ.—ಅರ್ಜಿನ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನ ನದನ್ಯರುಗಳು ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದರು ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ?

Sri B. M. PATIL.—I do not have that information with me just now. If the hon. Member wants that information, I will get it and furnisq it.

Mr. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.—Now Question No. 121 for the Supplementary 15th list of Questions and Answers.

Supersession of Chitradurga Municipal Council

121. Sri CHANNAIAH WADEYAR (Local Authorities' Constituency).—

Will the Minister of State for Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reason for superseding the Municipal Council, Chitradurga Town after the expiry of the extended term ;

(*b*) the action taken by Government against the unauthorised disposal of public sites by the President of Chitradurga Municipal Council ;

(*c*) whether the Government has given sanction to all the grants made by the President under Section 72 of Municipal Act, 1964 ;

(*d*) whether the Chitradurga Municipal Council has run for a period of one year without transacting any business at monthly meetings. If so, the action, the Deputy Commissioner has taken to set right the affairs of the Council when the matter was brought to his notice by the members of the Council ;

(*e*) the person responsible for the unauthorised expenditure without convening the budget meeting and obtaining sanction of the Council for the budget ;

(*f*) the reasons for not appointing an Enquiry Officer to enquire into the allegations levelled against the Municipal Chief Officer and the Municipal President by the Members of the Municipal Council ?

Sri B. M. PATIL (Minister of State for Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) Details furnished in the Statement (appended).

(*b*) The Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga will take necessary action wherever the sites are disposed of unauthorisedly.

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(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The President and the Council.

(*f*) The Deputy Commissioner after carefully examining some of the allegations has come to the conclusion that there is no substance in the allegations. He is still conducting enquiry into other allegations. His findings are awaited.

ANNEXURE

Statement of Reasons for the order of supersession.

1 The Town Municipal Council, Chitradurga has practically failed in discharging the mandatory function of conducting monthly meetings of the Municipal Council as envisaged under Section 47 (1) of the Mysore Municipalities Act, 1964 for one year from 1st April 1968 to 31st March 1969.

2 Cesses, royalty and audit charges due to Government from 1959-60 amounting to Rs. 82,405 have not been paid by the Town Municipal Council in spite of observations made during the inspections of the office and in spite of circular instructions issued both from Government and the Divisional Commissioner.

3 There are very heavy Mohatarfa and other arrears amounting to Rs. 2,33,143 to be collected by the Town Municipal Council, which have been outstanding for years and the Town Municipal Council has failed to review the work of collection staff and step up the collection of arrears to improve the financial position of the Town Municipal Council during 1968-69.

4 There are overdue loans to the extent of Rs. 10,37,514 as on 31st March 1969 and the Municipal Council on account of the differences among the Councillors, have failed to convene meetings and make adequate provisions to repay the loan at least to the extent provided in the Budget for 1968-69.

5 The Town Municipal Council in its present state of affairs will not be able to complete the comprehensive water supply scheme from V. V. Sagar, taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 87 lakhs raising a loan from the Life Insurance Corporation of India, Bombay on the guarantee given by Government and public will be deprived of the due need of water supply, the Town Municipal council has to pay Rs. 83,750 towards principal and interest during April, 1969 and make provision for a sum of Rs. 6 lakhs towards repayment of loan for 1969-70 and the Town Municipal Council has not sent the Budget Estimates for 1969-70 so far, in spite of several instructions issued.

6 The Town Municipal Council has not taken timely action to renew the leases that expire on 31st March 1969 resulting in heavy loss to the Municipality.

Sri A. K. SUBBAIAH.—In answer (*d*) t is isaid :

"The Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga, will take Necessary action wherever the sites are disposed of unauthorisedly."

How many cases of such unauthorised disposal have been reported to Government ?

Sri B. M. PATIL.—So far no unauthorised allotment has been reported to Government. But the Deputy Commissioner is still investigating into the irregularities and allegations made. If any unauthorised allotment is made, certainly the Deputy Commissioner will take proper action in the matter.

Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories

164. Smt. M. R. LAKSHAMMA (Graduates' Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state :—

whether the Agricultural Department intends to provide itself with a dozen or so of Mobile soil testing Laboratories equipped with essential instruments and technical staff so as to be of assistance to the farmers of the State ?

Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture).—

No.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಎಂ. ಆರ್. ಲಕ್ಷಮ್ಮ.—ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಇದೆ. ಇದರ ಉದ್ದೇಶವೇನು ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ.—12 ಪ್ರಯೋಗ ಶಾಲೆಗಳು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಎಂ. ಆರ್. ಲಕ್ಷಮ್ಮ.—ಈಗ ಎಷ್ಟು ಇದೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ.—ಒಂದು ಮಾತ್ರ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಎಂ. ಆರ್. ಲಕ್ಷಮ್ಮ.—ಬೇಸಾಯಗಾರರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುವಂತೆ ಮಣ್ಣು ಪ್ರಯೋಗ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ.—ಈಗ ಎರಡು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದರಂತೆ ಪ್ರಯೋಗ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಇನ್ನೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇದೆ. ಒಟ್ಟು ಈಗ ಒಂಬತ್ತು ಮಣ್ಣು ಪ್ರಯೋಗ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿವೆ. ಇನ್ನೂ ಒಂದನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಇದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಂದೆ ಇದನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೊಂದರಂತೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಉದ್ದೇಶವಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಎಚ್. ಶಿವಾನಂದಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಮಣ್ಣು ಪ್ರಯೋಗಾ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲ ಆಯಾಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲರುವ ನರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರುಗಳ ಮಣ್ಣುಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಆಯಾಯ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲರುವ ರೈತರ ತಿಳುವಳಿಕೆಗಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ಪಟ್ಟಿ ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡಿ ರೈತರು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಬೆಳೆ ಬೆಳೆಯಲು ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನರಕಾರ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿದೆಯೇ ?